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SUBJECT: CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS

1. ACCORDING TO BELGIAN FONOFF SOURCE, BELGIAN UN MISSION REPORTED MAY 9 ON CONVERSATION WITH MEMBER OF EGYPTIAN UN MISSION IN WHICH EGYPTIAN EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT EUROPEANS WERE HINDERED IN GETTING ACROSS VIEWS ON TERRORISM TO ARABS BY BEING TOO CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH US. HE SAID THIS HAD CONTRIBUTED TO LACK OF PROGRESS ON TERRORISM IN LAST UNGA AND RESULT WOULD BE SAME AT FORTHCOMING UNGA UNLESS EUROPEAN STATES DEMONSTRATED THEY NOT SIMPLY FOLLOWING IN US WAKE.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, MEMBER OF LEGAL DIVISION OF UN SECRETARIAT TOLD BELGIAN MISSION OFFICER AT END OF APRIL THAT CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS MIGHT HAVE GOOD CHANCE OF PASSING AT FORTHCOMING UNGA BUT THAT US DAMAGING CASE BY PUSHING TOO HARD, PARTICULARLY IN ILC. HE ALSO EXPRESSED VIEW THAT EFFORT FOR CONVENTION SHOULD NOT BE DILUTED BY SURFACING SEPARATE PROPOSALS ON OFFENSES SUCH AS TAKING OF HOSTAGES, SINCE ARABS WOULD NEVER AGREE THAT TAKING HOSTAGES NOT INEXTRICABLY
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